

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIONS WITH THE LIAISON



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My Story

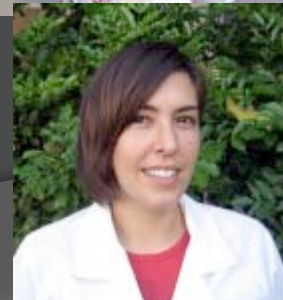
- ◉ Did not have an idea about the process of science
- ◉ Ph.D. microbiology
- ◉ Still finding my way
- ◉ NASA has never been a source of funding for Biological research (NIH, NSF, DOD)
- ◉ Summer sabbatical for faculty in Astrobiology - NASA

NASA Minority Programs

- ▶ > Achieving Competence in Computing, Engineering and Space Science
- > Curriculum Improvements Partnership Award for the Integration of Research
- > Jenkins Pre-doctoral Fellowship Project
- > Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology
- > NASA Administrator's Fellowship Project
- > NASA Science and Technology Institute for Minority Institutions
- > Pre-Service Teacher Project
- > Tribal Colleges and University Project -- Native American Internships
- > Tribal Colleges and University Project -- Summer Research Experience
- > University Research Centers

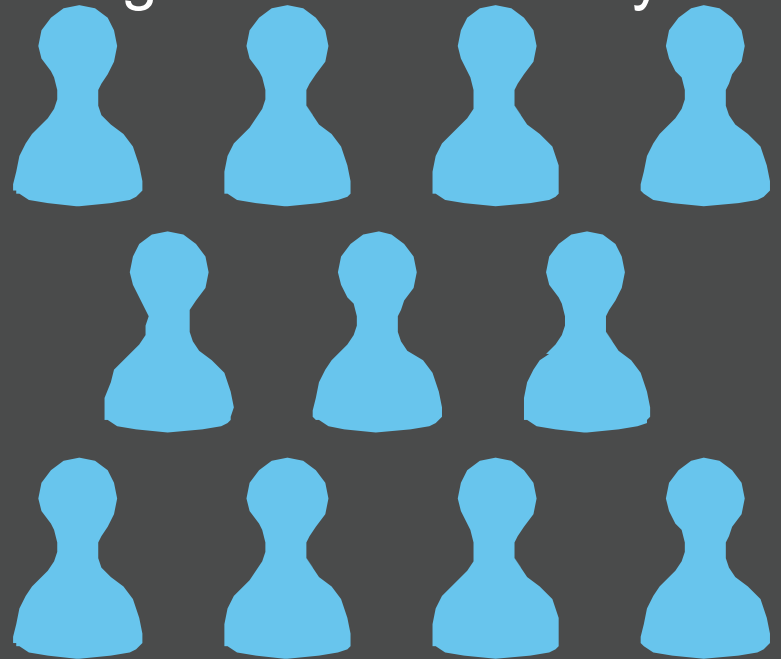
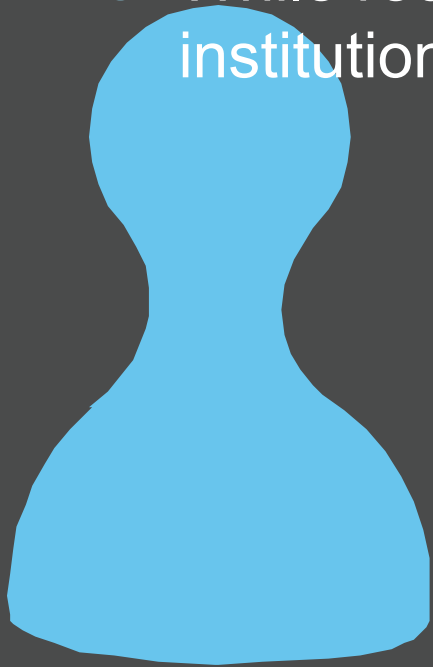
Monumental Task

- There are 105 historically Black Colleges and University in the United States.
- There are 32 tribal colleges and universities in the United States



How can NASA disseminate this information???

- ◉ How Information about NASA programs in the hands of those who can benefit from the programs that NASA offers
- ◉ While recruiting the best and the brightest that minority institutions have to offer



In the past...

- ◉ Put information on the website
- ◉ Make collaborations with a few schools
- ◉ No one searches a website unless they are looking for information
- ◉ No one looks for information unless they are aware of opportunities

Suggestion

- ⦿ How do we disseminate the information

⦿ The Liaison

Liaison

- ▶ Facilitates communication between two or more groups.
- ▶ a person who is a mediator

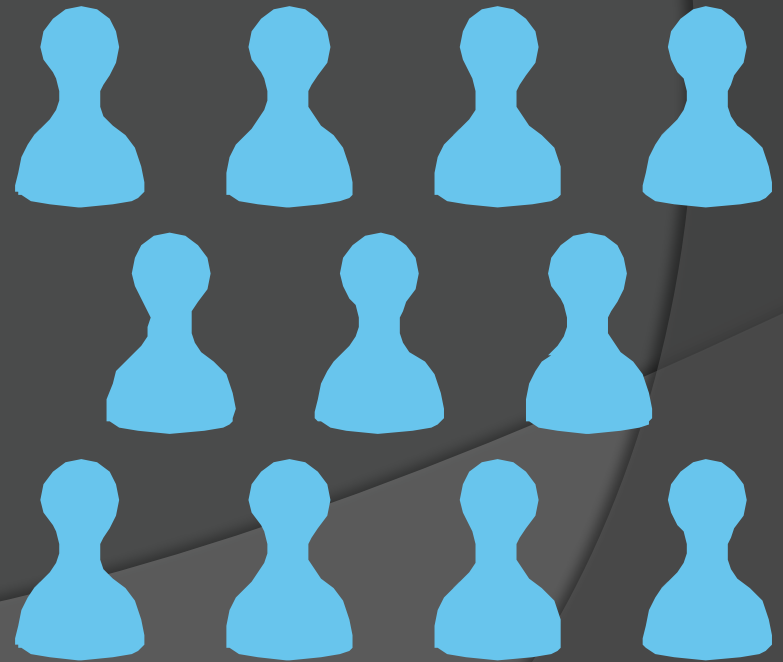
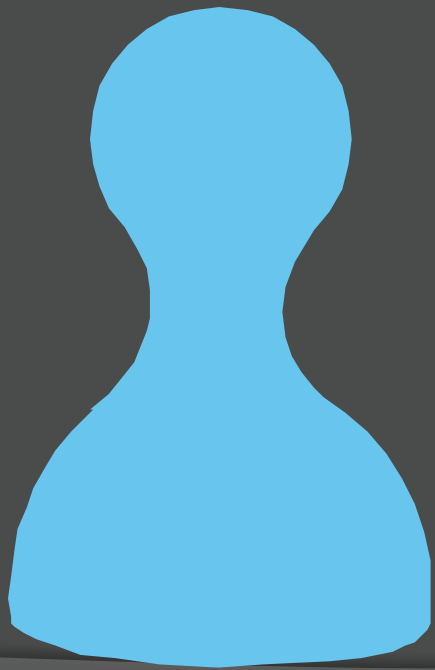
- ▶ Works on behalf of NASA
- ▶ Inside man
- ▶ Knows the workings of the university
- ▶ Knows who can benefit from the information
- ▶ Can disseminate the information inside the university

Recruit the Liaison

- Contact schools - Chairs , Dean
(especially those that have programs
that produce graduates of interest) to
suggest a person to serve as the liaison
- Service to the University

NASA building relationship with the liaison

- Educate the liaison
- Networking
- Workshop



Using the Liaison

● To disseminate information

- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science
- At WSSU Project Strengthen: give a talk to alert faculty and students about opportunities
- Post fliers advertising the opportunities
- Advise students to complete applications

NASA

- ④ Foundational work
- ④ 'Household' name for grants and collaborations among minority institutions